

Policy Title: Mississippi Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Advisory Council

Scope: Pursuant to Section 41-4-9, the Board of
Mental Health is empowered to create
advisory councils to assist the Board and
the Department in the performance of
their duties.

Policy: The Mississippi Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Advisory Council shall be established to
advise and assist the Department of
Mental Health, Bureau of Mental Health
and Bureau of Administration in
developing, reviewing and updating a
long-range state plan for alcohol and
drug abuse services.

The Advisory Council will provide a
mechanism for consumers, family members,
substance abuse service providers and
providers of support services to work
together to identify needs and plan
services to address those needs. The
Advisory Council will allow this broad
constituency an additional avenue to
evaluate progress on state plan
objectives on an ongoing basis, to review
goals and objectives and make
recommendations for revisions as needs
and available resources change.

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Procedures: The following shall be the procedures for establishing and the operation of the Mississippi Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Council:

I. ESTABLISHMENT

In accordance with the bylaws of the Mississippi Board of Mental Health, the Board may appoint representatives or agents with such powers to perform acts or duties on behalf of the Board. Therefore, the Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health to appoint individuals to a Mississippi Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Council.

II. PARTICIPANTS

- A. Membership shall be in keeping with the guidelines set forth by applicable federal law(s), specifically, P.L. 102-321, the "ADAMHA Reorganization Act," and its successors.
- B. Membership of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Council shall include individuals and representatives of entities concerned with the need, planning, operation, and funding of substance abuse services. The Council shall be composed of a balanced number of both service providers and non-service providers, including consumers of substance abuse services and families and consists of not less than twenty-five (25) members.
- C. Members of the Mississippi Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Council shall serve for a term of four years.

- D. Vacancies on the Council at any time during the year shall be filled by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.
- E. Routine operation of the Mississippi Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Council shall be in accordance with the established Bylaws of the Council.

III. FUNCTIONS

The responsibilities and functions of the Mississippi Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Council shall be in accordance with applicable federal law(s), specifically, P.L. 102-321, "The ADAMHA Reorganization Act," and its successors.

IV. MEETINGS

- A. Meetings shall be held at least quarterly and more often as deemed necessary by the Council or the Department of Mental Health.
- B. Determination of date, time and location of meetings and notification of meetings shall be in accordance with the Bylaws of the Mississippi Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Council.

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